

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

JOSHUA HOSKINS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	
)	CIVIL NO. 3:16-cv-00334-MJR
MR. DILDAY, et al.,)	CIVIL NO. 3:16-cv-00335-MJR
)	
Defendants.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

REAGAN, Chief District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court for case management. A review of the pleadings indicated that these cases are related. Cognizant of the Seventh Circuit's position that related cases filed within the same U.S. District Court should be consolidated, *see, e.g. Smith v. Check-N-go of Illinois, Inc.* 200 F.3d 511, 513 n.1 (7th Cir. 1999); *Blair v. Equifax check Services, Inc.*, 181 F.3d 832, 839 (7th Cir. 1999), the Court **CONSOLIDATES** *Hoskins v. Dilday*, 16-cv-00334 and *Hoskins v. Dilday*, 16-cv-00335 for all further proceedings. *Hoskins v. Dilday*, 16-cv-00334 shall be the lead case. All future pleadings shall be filed in that case and contain case number 16-cv-00334.

Further, the Clerk is **INSTRUCTED** to refile both Doc. 1 in 16-cv-00334 and Doc. 1 in 16-cv-00335 in the newly consolidated case as a combined "First Amended Complaint."

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 11, 2016

s/ MICHAEL J. REAGAN
Michael J. Reagan
Chief Judge
United States District Court